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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Those present were: Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Susan Richardson, MDOT Planning; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township Supervisor; Doug Wilson, MDOT Cass City; Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City; Kurt Coduti, MDOT Bay City; and Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Gaydos, seconded by Augustyniak, to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2008 meeting. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Update From Bay Metro Transit:

Stoner was not present and no update was given.

Transportation Funding Task Force Discussion:

Engelhardt attended the Transportation Funding Task Force Meeting which took place in Frankenmuth, Michigan on August 11, 2008. This traveling meeting was created to study possible funding changes. The funding task force is tasked with providing recommendations regarding funding options for road construction and maintenance by the end of October to the Michigan Transportation Commission. Additionally, under the New Federal Highway Bill there is discussions that funding will be restructured and streamlined. Funding could be cut for roadways other than Interstates and there is also discussions that the MPO's may be restructured.

Public Hearing on Harrison Street TIP Amendment:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:53 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of BCATS. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the BCATS TIP Amendment to add the Harrison Street Project. Engelhardt discussed that funding for this project would be coming from allocated but unprogramed funds from the Henry Street Project. The project is being funded in three parts: STP, Category A, and City of Bay City. The project will also have an archeologist as a requirement from SHPO due to the location of the project.

The Public Hearing on the BCATS Harrison Street TIP Amendment was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:58 p.m.

Approval of Harrison Street TIP Amendment:

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Richardson, to amend the BCATS TIP to

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include the Harrison Street Project. Motion passed.

Public Hearing on MDOT TIP Amendments:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:59 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of BCATS. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the MDOT TIP Amendments including adding the ROW and PE for the M-13/M-84 Project, deleting the I-75 & US-10 ITS Project, adding the Local Bridge/Trunk-line Bridge GPA Projects, and adding federal funding to the Beaver Road Project. Discussion ensued.

The Public Hearing on the MDOT TIP Amendments was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

Approval of MDOT TIP Amendments:

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Gaydos, to amend the BCATS TIP to include the above MDOT listed projects. Motion passed.

MDOT & MPO TIP/STIP Proecess for New 2010-11-12-13 TIP:

Engelhardt provided members with a handout of the Proposed FY 2010-2013 STIP/TIP Development Schedule. Providing the schedule is intended keep everyone in the loop and provide target dates for project submittal early in FY 2009.

M-15/Trumbull Corridor Discussion:

Engelhardt requested the authority to sign a letter on behalf of the BCATS Policy Committee supporting the City of Bay City and the Bay County Road Commission's request for a study of options regarding the road ownership of the M-15/Trumbull Corridor. There is belief that the M-15/Trumbull Corridor act like a trunkline roadway and should be so designated.

A motion was made Gaydos, seconded by Lillo, to approve the authorization for a letter of support when the time is appropriate requesting collaboration with the MDOT TSC to review the M-15/Trumbull Corridor.

M-138 Discussion:

This project is outside the BCATS area, however it's important to be up on projects around us. The proposal by way of resolution to upgrade portions of M-138 was brought forward by Bay County Commissioner Tilly at the August Bay County Board of Commissioners meeting. Engelhardt put this item on the BCATS agenda for informational purposes. During discussions all agreed it would be great to see M-138 made into all-season truck route. However, both the Bay City MDOT TSC and Cass City MDOT TSC managers explained there is not sufficient funding to take on such a project.

Non-Motorized Efforts Update:

Engelhardt gave an update regarding the non-motorized efforts. There are a variety

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of things going on simultaneously with regards to non-motorized efforts. Phase I of the Tri-County Regional Path Study has been completed and plans are available. Phase II has begun in which there will be a broadening of exposure and an attempt to help solidify preferred non-motorized connections between Saginaw, Bay and Midland Counties by including the communities these connections are likely to go through and other agencies that are interested. Also, once these connections are better identified to create more accurate costs for the identified non-motorized connections It's important to keep in mind that there are a variety of trail groups working in Bay County: Bay County Rail Trail Group, the Tri-County Trail Group, the MDOT Regional Trail Group, and the University Trail Project linking SVSU with Delta College.

Projects Update:

The **North Henry Street Project** is going well. The water main and sanitary sewer have been completed. There is a November 15, 2008 completion date scheduled for this project. The **Woodside Avenue Project** is complete, however there is an issue about faulty fabric installation under the final asphalt course. The project will have to be milled and resurfaced due to the surface defects already showing up. It has been determined that the contractor will have to take action against the sub-contractor for resolution. The **Pine Street Project** is complete and should be open by August 22nd. The **Seven Mile Project** is not moving along very fast and is expected to be started during beet season. The **Zilwaukee Bridge Project** is underway to repair the structure. The parts are in and a plan is being developed to determine the best way to install and repair the bridge. Once work begins it is expected that it will take 2-4 weeks. The **MDOT I-75 Project** is scheduled to be complete by the end of October or the beginning of November. The **MDOT I-75 project in Saginaw County** is going well and is expected to be completed before November 15, 2008.

Other/New Business:

Signage for Trails

Engelhardt discussed the current push to have a uniform design for trail signage. The trail committee doesn't have the money to fund this project at this time. Engelhardt wondered if there were any funds the BCATS could put into the development of uniform signage for the trails.

Center Avenue Project

This project is expected to be let September 5, 2008.

As there was no further business, the August 20, 2008 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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